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THE WORTMANS  
AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW  
OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED  
WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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Date August 17, 1961

On August 11, 1961 at 8:40 AM the following cars were observed parked in front of the residence of GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, an associate of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN. LL

1953 cream over light blue Ford Tudor,  
1961 Illinois license EB 8286, customarily driven by HARVILL;

1958 black Oldsmobile convertible, 1961 Missouri license Y 94650, customarily driven by HARVILL;

1961 blue Chevrolet four-door, E 8333, customarily driven by members of the WORTMAN organization.

On August 11, 1961 at 9:10 AM the following vehicles were observed at the WORTMAN moat residence:

1958 green and white Ford Tudor, customarily driven by the colored handy man and the green Chevrolet pickup truck, 1961 Ill. license B17100, property of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 4, 1961

Observation was made of the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Rural Route, Collinville, Illinois. A light blue sedan that appeared to be a 1961 Lincoln was observed parked in the yard of this residence. This automobile appeared to be bearing 1961 Illinois license, the number unknown.

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On 8-2-61 at Madison County, Illinois File # SI 92-112by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8-3-61

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 16, 1961

On August 14, 1961, at 11:40 AM, a 1960 Ford pick-up truck, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] and occupied by one man, was seen to enter the driveway of the WORTMAN moat residence.

[REDACTED] The above vehicle is registered to [REDACTED] for a 1960 Ford pickup.

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On August 1, 1961, a 1961 light blue Ford Galaxie four-door, bearing 1961 Illinois [REDACTED] was observed at the moat residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN at 2:20 PM. This car departed at 3:45 PM occupied by two males. The driver appeared identical to [REDACTED] to whom this car is registered.

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Date August 17, 1961

Observation was made of the Paddock Tavern, 5th and St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois and the surrounding parking lot. It was observed that a 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile, usually driven by [REDACTED] was parked on this lot. Also parked were a 1960 red and white Oldsmobile and a black Cadillac sedan. It is noted that the Oldsmobile and Cadillac are usually driven by MELVIN BECKMAN and by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At 1:40 PM [REDACTED] was observed to walk from the side door of the Paddock Tavern and MELVIN BECKMAN was approximately two steps behind [REDACTED]. They walked to the parking lot behind the Paddock where they conversed briefly and BECKMAN left in the above red and white Oldsmobile and [REDACTED] left in the black Cadillac. Immediately after they had left the Paddock Tavern, [REDACTED] also left and briefly joined them in the conversation on the parking lot. He entered the 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile and also left the Paddock area.

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On 8/10/61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

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Observation was made of the area of the Paddeck Tavern located at 5th Street and St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois. A 1961 white Pontiac sedan was observed parked across the street from the tavern. It was bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]. This automobile has previously been observed in the vicinity of Paddeck Tavern and it has been determined that the above license are issued to [REDACTED] for a 1959 Buick.

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C. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

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**D. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES**

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The Belleville News Democrat of August 7, 1961, carried a news article relating that two white men, one of them armed, had obtained \$113 in cash in a holdup at 6:30 PM, Saturday August 5, at the Pipes Tavern, 914 North 37th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. Deputy Sheriffs investigating were told that the bandits forced the bartender, FRANK HOLTON, and two other persons, PHILLIP MOODY, JR., and Mrs. GERALDINE MOODY, to lie on the floor of the rear room. The pair then fled north on 37th Street in an automobile.

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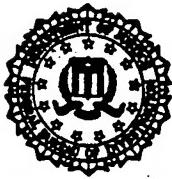
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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (92-2810) DATE: 8-21-61

FROM : SAC, Springfield (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ETAL  
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Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the report of  
SA [REDACTED] dated 8-21-61 at Springfield. b7C

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ETAL  
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Observation vicinity of FRANK WORTMAN "moat" residence 8-29-61 reflected a 1960 white Oldsmobile convertible, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] had just left the WORTMAN property. This automobile has previously been observed in possession of [REDACTED], a known WORTMAN associate. Driver of this automobile on 8-29-61 was not [REDACTED] however from brief observation passenger in front seat [REDACTED] appeared to be FRANK WORTMAN. This Olds was closely followed by SYLVIA WORTMAN in the Plymouth automobile that she usually drives. Destination of these individuals was not established.

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Daily airtel of 8-25-61 set forth number of licenses observed on automobiles at Ben's Tavern; one of these, a Missouri license was in error and the correct Missouri license should have been [REDACTED]  
It has been determined that this is issued to [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] Information as to this automobile had been furnished Las Vegas by airtel of 8-21-61.

St. Louis Division at St. Louis, Missouri, will contact [REDACTED]

The Las Vegas Division at [REDACTED] should interview [REDACTED]

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTIRACKETEERING</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/21/61  
at Springfield.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: September 5, 1961

Office: SPRINGFIELD

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

Character: ANTIRACKETEERING

Synopsis: Information concerning associates set forth.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Information concerning other associates set forth.

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The Springfield Office advised the St. Louis Office that a 1961 white Pontiac bearing Missouri license [REDACTED] has recently been observed parked at the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois. This license is issued to [REDACTED]

The current St. Louis City Directory reflects that

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Date August 21, 1961

Observation was made of the Paddock Tavern, East St. Louis, Illinois and the parking area adjacent to the rear of the Paddock Tavern. At 1:30 PM it was noted that MELVIN BECKMAN left the Paddock Tavern and went to a red and white Oldsmobile that he has been previously observed to drive. This automobile was on the parking lot of the Paddock Tavern. He remained in this car for about three minutes, at which time two white females left the Paddock Tavern and walked toward the parking lot. One of these females was known to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These two women got into the car with BECKMAN and they left the Paddock parking lot and turned right on St. Louis Avenue in the general direction of Collinsville Avenue and St. Louis, Missouri.

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It is noted that above West Virginia license was observed on a 1955 Oldsmobile parked at the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois, on 6-6-61.

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A 1961 black Mercury convertible with white top bearing Illinois 1961 dealer's license [REDACTED] was observed at WORTMAN's meat residence June 30, 1961 and in the Paddock parking lot July 3, 1961.

This license plate is registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], is the person in possession of this car and is planning to buy it.

On July 27, 1961 a check of the street address telephone directory listed a [REDACTED]

Observation at [REDACTED] determined that it is a small residence and in a rather run-down neighborhood and in front of the residence was noted a [REDACTED]  
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Inquiry was made on July 19, 1961 to contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
On August 16, 1961 another attempt was made to contact [REDACTED]

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**B. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES**

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The 1959 Cadillac bearing Nevada license [REDACTED]  
has been observed at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis.  
The Las Vegas office has advised that the above-mentioned  
Nevada license, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
There was no  
further information available concerning this person in  
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Date August 24, 1961

On the night of 8-17-61 at 10:06 PM, SAs [REDACTED] began observation of activities at Ben's Tavern, 8600 Forest Boulevard, at Black Lane, St. Clair County, Illinois. At this time a 1960 Chevrolet, possibly tan in color, was observed to arrive on the parking lot in front of Ben's Tavern. The car was observed to back into a parking place and the two occupants were observed to approach the front door of Ben's Tavern. At that time it was noted that the parking lot lights and apparently most of the inside lights were turned off. The two occupants of the Chevrolet, who were just about to enter the front door, were observed to return to the car and drive off on Forest Boulevard in the direction of East St. Louis, Illinois. SAs [REDACTED] followed this vehicle and observed that it had Missouri license [REDACTED]. SAs [REDACTED] followed the Chevrolet for approximately one mile down Forest Boulevard and then returned to the parking lot of Ben's Tavern.

At approximately 10:15 PM, the following license numbers were observed on vehicles parked on the parking lot in front of Ben's Tavern. Makes and models of the vehicles were not obtained. b7C

- Missouri license [REDACTED]
- Missouri license [REDACTED]
- 1961 Illinois dealers license [REDACTED]
- 1961 Illinois [REDACTED]

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered Ben's Tavern at approximately 10:20 PM and remained inside until approximately 11:00 PM. Observed in the tavern were the following individuals known to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as participants in the operation of crap games in the East St. Louis, Illinois, area:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] were in the front part of the tavern at the time the agents entered the premises. At approximately 10:40 PM, [REDACTED] was observed to come to the front part of the tavern from a locked rear room. Agents [REDACTED] noted that from this rear room came sounds resembling the sounds of rolling dice and falling chips. It was also noted that [REDACTED] took turns playing the jukebox during the entire time that the agents were present. The jukebox was not playing at the time the agents entered Ben's Tavern. During the time that the agents were present, [REDACTED] let a number of people in and out of the locked rear room, opening the door with a key which he had on a key chain.

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Agents [REDACTED] left Ben's Tavern at approximately 11:00 PM and did not observe any additional activities until approximately midnight at which time a blue 1961 Chevrolet was observed to enter the parking lot. It was not noted whether or not this car discharged any passengers and when the agents drove close to this car, it sped down Black Lane towards East St. Louis, Illinois, at a very high rate of speed. SAs [REDACTED] followed this car down Black Lane to Bunkum Road where the car turned in the direction of St. Louis, Missouri. At the intersection of Black Lane and Bunkum the license number of the 1961 blue Chevrolet was observed to be [REDACTED] which is known to SAs [REDACTED] to be the vehicle registered to [REDACTED] but customarily operated by GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL.

No additional activities were observed and observation of Ben's Tavern was discontinued at approximately 12:15 AM, 8-18-61.

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Date August 24, 1961

Shortly before midnight, 8-19-61, SA [REDACTED] entered Ben's Tavern, 8600 Forest Boulevard, at Black Lane, St. Clair County, Illinois, and observed that there were only two patrons in the bar. No activity could be heard in the locked rear room and it appeared that this room was dark. SA [REDACTED] did not identify himself and inquired of the bartender, "What happened to your game?" The bartender, a white male, approximately 40 years of age, height approximately 5' 10", weight approximately 170 pounds, bald on top, and wearing a rather heavy mustache, replied "I don't know what you're talking about, buddy." SA [REDACTED] told the bartender that he was sure that there had been a game at this location only the night before and the bartender again replied, "I don't know what you're talking about, buddy." b7C

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Date August 29, 1961

On August 23, 1961 observation was made of Ben's Club located at 8600 Forest Blvd., St. Clair County, Illinois. The following 1961 Illinois license were observed on automobiles parked at the tavern:

[REDACTED] on a Ford;

[REDACTED] on a Buick;

[REDACTED] on a Chevrolet.

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Date 8-29-61

At 11:12 PM, 8-24-61, observation was started of Ben's Club, 8600 Forest Blvd., St. Clair County, Illinois. Observation was made from the outside of this club until 11:25 PM, at which time the agents went inside of Ben's Club. Observation was made inside of the club until 12:45 AM, 8-25-61, and during this inside observation, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were observed to be in the club. Various other individuals came into the tavern and entered a room in the rear of the tavern. Entrance was gained into this room by these individuals after a door had been unlocked by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was observed sleeping at a table in the tavern and there was one bartender on duty. During the time that the agents were inside the tavern, an individual came into the tavern, described as white male, age about 60, height about 5'6" to 5'7", weight about 230#, dark hair, medium dark complexion. This individual was with two other men, but upon seeing the agents, all turned around and left. After leaving the club at 12:45 AM, the agents obtained the following license numbers and automobile descriptions from the cars that were parked in the lot of this club. It is noted that at the time the agents left, there were only 11 people visible inside the club and two of these were the agents themselves.

Illinois 1961 license [REDACTED] on a 1950 Gray Ford two-door;  
 " " " [REDACTED] on a 1960 Olds two-door, white w/dark top;  
 " " " [REDACTED] on a 1959 red Ford 2-door sedan;  
 " " " [REDACTED] on a green & cream 1952-53 Chev. 2-door;  
 Missouri " " [REDACTED] on a black & cream Nash, 4-door sedan;  
 Illinois " " [REDACTED] on a white over turquoise '55 Chev.;  
 " " " [REDACTED] on a 4-door Buick white & blue in color;  
 " " " [REDACTED] on a 1955-56 four-door Chev., white over turquoise; b7c  
 Missouri 1961 license [REDACTED] on a 1952 Plym. sedan 4-door, gray or lt. blue in color;  
 " " " [REDACTED] on a white 1958 Olds.

At 1:13 AM, 8/25/61, a Chevrolet sedan Impala was observed to leave Ben's Club. The individual driving this Impala was the same individual that had previously been observed to enter the club when the agents were inside and leave with the two other individuals upon observing the agents. This Chevrolet was bearing Missouri license [REDACTED] and four other individuals left Ben's Club and rode in this Chevrolet with the driver. A surveillance was conducted of this automobile from Ben's Club through E. St. Louis, Illinois, through St. Louis, Missouri, where at 1:40 AM, two individuals were observed to leave the car across

8/24.25.28/61      E. St. Louis, Illinois;  
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from the Greyhound Bus Terminal at St. Louis, Missouri. The automobile then proceeded around the corner, where it stopped at a fruit stand on 6th Street, near the corner of Washington and the two other individuals and the driver got out at this fruit stand. The two individuals who had left the auto in the vicinity of the Greyhound Bus Terminal were observed walking in front of this terminal and were stopped by SAS [REDACTED]. After identifying themselves, the agents requested these two men to furnish their identity, at which time one of the individuals advised that his name was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The other individual claimed that he had no identification and declined to furnish his name. He was called [REDACTED] Questions were asked these two individuals as to the identity of the driver of the automobile in which they rode from Ben's Club to St. Louis, Missouri, and they advised they did not know him, that he was just some individual that they knew only as [REDACTED] and they had met him at the racetrack at Fairmont City, Illinois that night. They declined to furnish any information as to how they might have went from St. Louis, Missouri to Fairmont, or from Fairmont to Ben's Club, stating they had just stopped by Ben's Club for a beer. They maintained they knew nothing of any "crap" game at Ben's Club, nor did they know anything about any card game that might be operated at Ben's Club. They claimed they did not know the identity of the other two individuals who had ridden with them and the driver from Ben's Club to St. Louis, Missouri.

On 8-28-61, a photograph of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is identical to the person who drove the above-mentioned Chevrolet Impala from Ben's Club to St. Louis, Missouri.

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Springfield Office previously requested interview  
with individuals who had been observed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which at the time was a WORTMAN gambling  
place. One of these individuals was [REDACTED]

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The News Democrat of Belleville, Illinois, dated August 17, 1961, carried an article reflecting an application was on file as of that date with the Secretary of State CHARLES F. CARPENTIER, Springfield, Illinois, asking for dissolution of the corporation of JACK LANGER's Mounds Club, a former night club and gambling casino on US Highway 40 west of Collinsville. The notice of intention to dissolve was filed by JACK LANGER, 2161 Pontoon Road, Granite City, Illinois. The article stated that in its hayday, the Mounds Club flourished, but a change in political office holders forced it to close in the early 1940's. Some years later it resumed operations, but on a much less lavish scale. The Madison County State's Attorney DICK MUDGE, JR., from an airplane "bombed" the casino with leaflets in his campaign for election to his first term in 1956. MUDGE was elected and eventually the building was abandoned as a night club and casino and became a general merchandise store.

It is pointed out that the above-mentioned Mounds Club was also known in the past as the Prevue Club and was a lavish gambling casino for years in the East St. Louis area until it was finally closed in 1955 by the State Police. The operation of this club was controlled by the Wortman organization and the financial dealings of this club presently figure in the income tax indictments against FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER DOWLING, EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., GREGORY "RED" MOORE, GEORGE FRANK and SAM MAGIN. GREGORY "RED" MOORE was one of the managers of the Mounds Club and Prevue Club during the days of its operations.

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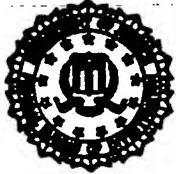
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Springfield, Illinois  
September 5, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka;  
ANTIRACKETEERING

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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]  
dated September 5, 1961, at Springfield.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has furnished reliable  
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Daily Airtel

No daily airtel submitted for August 31, 1961, or September 1, 1961, since all personnel Belleville RA exclusively engaged in investigating case entitled [REDACTED]

Anticipated daily airtel can be resumed September 5, 1961.

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Las Vegas refer to Las Vegas airtel to Springfield dated 8-25-61 setting out information regarding 1953 Chrysler, Nevada Licensee [REDACTED]

## Lead

Las Vegas Division

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Will endeavor to locate and interview [REDACTED] and if he is not available determine who has possession of 1953 Chrysler presently in East St. Louis and reason for [REDACTED] or automobile being in the East St. Louis area and any known hoodlum associate [REDACTED] may have.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (92-2810) DATE: 9-7-61

FROM : SAC, Springfield (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ETAL  
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Rebuairtel 8-1-61; rep of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 9-5-61 at Springfield.

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**SUBJECT:** FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN; ETAL  
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St. Louis Office has furnished considerable information regarding coin vending machine business in St. Louis and East St. Louis area.

[REDACTED]

THE WORTMANS and DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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Re Chicago airtel 8-31-61 and St. Louis letter to Springfield  
8-30-61.

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In connection with the above, Chicago is requested to locate, identify, and interview [REDACTED] regarding his association, contacts, and knowledge of the WORTMANS and ELMER DOWLING and any hoodlum connections of this individual.

Referenced airtel from Chicago reflects that [REDACTED] refused to be interviewed by the Chicago Office.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The St. Louis Office should make inquiry concerning the above individuals and interview them regarding their contacts, association and knowledge of the WORTMANS and ELMER DOWLING and any hoodlum connections of these individuals.

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Mr. Louis furnished identity of individuals attending  
the meeting at the home of Mr. [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri, on  
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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
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At Lexington, Kentucky

(1) Will identify [REDACTED] and interview him regarding above-mentioned calls and his association, acquaintanceship, and connection with the WORTMAN brothers, ELMER DOWLING, and other known hoodlum connections.

(2) [REDACTED]

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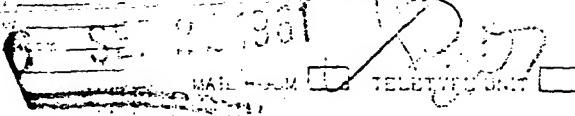
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this club that are usually driven by WORTMAN associates such as HARVILL, [REDACTED] AND BECKMAN.

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The game was operated from 9:00 PM to  
3:00 AM.

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DALLAS DIVISION

At Dallas, Texas

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will identify the operators of Goldie's Place alleged to be at Fourth and Washington in St. Louis.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9-11-61

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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ETAL  
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] Springfield,  
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TO: SAC, Springfield (92-112)  
FROM: Director, FBI (92-2810)

✓ FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA.  
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During the past several years Wortman has been engaged in varying forms of gambling activities through the efforts of various associates and employees. Operators of his policy wheel such as [REDACTED] traveled to Illinois to physically operate the wheel, would now be in violation of ITAR as would shill car drivers such as [REDACTED] who allegedly transports gamblers and individuals interested in gambling from St. Louis, Missouri, to Illinois. b7C

You should immediately review information available to you concerning Wortman's activities and open individual cases on those employees or associates who would possibly be in violation of the ITWI, ITAR and ITWP Statutes signed into law by the President 8/13/61. These cases should bear the name of the subject and the appropriate character and not one general case on Wortman including the activities of all of his employees or associates. Advise the Bureau by 9/22/61 the identity of each case being opened. Reports should be submitted in line with existing report writing procedures in substantive cases with two copies for the Bureau by 10/2/61. Do not present violations to the USA. However, maintain one copy of each investigative report for possible future dissemination to the USA.

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St. Louis Post Dispatch Sunday, 9/17/61, carried lengthy article beginning on front page concerning competition developing between cigarette vending companies operated or backed by the WORTMANS (Plaza Amusement Co. and B & H Distributing Co.) and the Continental - St. Louis Corporation. The companies have been taking "spots" from each other during recent weeks. The article outlined the recent history of cigarette vending industry in the St. Louis, Mo. - East St. Louis, Ill., and surrounding areas and background of the companies and some of the individuals involved.

The article stated that TED WORTMAN as well as officials of Continental were called into a conference with St. Louis Police officials who were concerned because of reports of the arrival of "trouble-shooters" in the area, allegedly brought in by both sides.

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Officials of both companies assured the police that only "business methods" would be used and no violence would be used.

Observation of Pat's Place (formerly Ben's Tavern), Forrest Blvd. at Black Lane near East St. Louis, Ill., about midnight, 9/16/61 indicated gambling apparently again in progress. Had only a few patrons visible at bar while a large number of cars were in the parking lot. The following Missouri licenses were noted:

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St. Louis Office is requested to maintain contact with [REDACTED] for any further information of value concerning the WORTMANS' involvement in cigarette vending differences and to identify and interview registered owners of above-listed automobiles. b7C b7D

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TITLE OF CASE  FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka; EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE  b7c ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated September 5, 1961,  
at Springfield

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Specific leads in this case are not set out in this report for other field divisions as they are also handled and assigned on a current basis by other means of communication.

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Date: September 18, 1961

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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RE: ISADORE LONDE:

ISADORE LONDE, a well known St. Louis ex-convict and police character, died and his funeral was held in St. Louis on August 28, 1961.

By communication dated September 7, 1961, the St. Louis Office furnished the following information:

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Date September 5, 1961

At 9:40 PM observation was made in the vicinity of the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Rural Route, Collinsville, Illinois. A 1960 white Oldsmobile convertible was observed driving on the county road near the WORTMAN residence and the 1961 Illinois license on this Oldsmobile was [REDACTED]. It has previously been determined that this license is issued to one [REDACTED]. The driver of this Oldsmobile was not identical to [REDACTED] and he had one passenger with him in the automobile. From the brief observation that could be made of the second individual he appeared to be FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN. A Plymouth automobile that is usually driven by SYLVIA WORTMAN was driving approximately 15 yards behind the white Oldsmobile. SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to be driving this Plymouth at this time.

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On 8/29/61 at RR., Collinsville, Ill. File # SI 92-112  
by S [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/30/61

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It is noted that the East St. Louis Journal carried a news article on August 27, 1961 advising of a raid at Ben's establishment, 8600 Forest Blvd., East St. Louis, Illinois at 10:00 PM August 26, 1961 by the members of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office and further that the article stated no gambling was found in the establishment and only a pool table was located therein.

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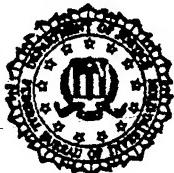

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

September 18, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 92-112

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka;  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated September 18, 1961, at Springfield.

Confidential informants [redacted] and [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past. Other informants set forth in this report have not been contacted sufficiently to determine their reliability.

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## *Memorandum*

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)**

DATE: September 18, 1961

~~not~~ : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
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Re Report of SA [redacted] dated  
September 18, 1961, enclosed herewith.

A copy of referenced report will be disseminated UACB to the Department of Justice representative upon his return to East St. Louis, Illinois.

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THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
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Copies of reports dated 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10,  
 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, and 9/5/61 furnished to SCHAUER 9/20/61.

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Observation at Pat's Place, Forest Boulevard and Black Lane, St. Clair County, Illinois, night of 9/20/61, indicated that gambling apparently in progress due to presence of automobiles of known WORTMAN associates, [REDACTED] and MEL BECKMAN. The following Missouri licenses were observed parked at Ben's Tavern at approximately 11:00 PM:

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[REDACTED]  
 Illinois license numbers observed all local except  
 for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was observed that a man and  
 woman left Ben's Tavern in this car at approximately 11:00 PM  
 with the woman driving.

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St. Louis identify holders of above Missouri licenses and interview concerning activities at Ben's Tavern night of 9/20/61. It is noted that Missouri license [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were observed at Ben's Tavern night of 9/16/61 and Springfield daily airtel 9/18/61 set forth lead re these vehicles.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION  
At Franklin County, Illinois

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Will interview [REDACTED] concerning activities  
at Ben's Tavern on night of 9/20/61.

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

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The East St. Louis, Illinois, evening "Journal", September 20, 1961, carried an article stating that East St. Louis Police Commissioner RUSSELL T. BEEBE today said he expects no trouble in the rivalry between the B & H Sales Company and the Continental Industries, a large scale cigarette vending firm which purchased the National Cigarette Machine Company in East St. Louis, Illinois, from JACK TZINBERG. The article stated that BEEBE said he is prepared to act if trouble should develop.

It goes on to state that BEEBE did not deny that the B & H Firm is backed by EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, brother of area gang leader, FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN. It quoted BEEBE as saying that this information was learned by the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department when they called EDWARD WORTMAN and Continental's LOUIS SALADINO in for talks about the situation.

The article stated Commissioner BEEBE said that B & H has machines at the East St. Louis Police headquarters

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and other city administration spots and said that he approved the orders.

The "Journal" article also stated that records show that ROBERT HANSON, former National employee, has obtained a city permit to operate the B & H Sales Company at 735 North 16th Street and stated that HANSON paid \$250 on a \$5.00 fee for 50 machines.

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Rerep of SA [REDACTED]

Springfield,

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Surveillances night and early morning of 9/25-26/61 indicated that no gambling in progress at Pat's Place or other local taverns frequented by known WORTMAN associates. It was determined that Bill's Oasis, the former site of the WORTMAN crap game, has reopened and is being run by [REDACTED]. No gambling in progress at this location on above date. It is noted that the Pines Tavern is now closed.

Vehicle registered to MELVIN BECKMAN at WORTMAN's Paddock Lounge from approximately midnight 9/25/61 to 2:30 A.M. was parked outside the Paddock Lounge and was a late model Plymouth bearing 1961 Kansas License [REDACTED] b7C

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/18/61 furnished to Department Attorney JOHN SCHAUER 9/27/61.

Kansas City will verify holder of above Kansas license and interview this individual concerning his presence at WORTMAN's Paddock Lounge and concerning his association with WORTMAN or his associates.

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The Springfield Office will, of course, maintain liaison with the Department attorneys and Internal Revenue personnel handling the WORTMAN trial for any matters of interest to the Bureau. However, unless advised to the contrary, the Springfield Office does not plan to monitor the WORTMAN trial on a continuous and daily basis unless it appears that a pertinent or important witness will testify or some matter of interest may develop during the trial of which the Bureau should have cognizance.

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